Engineers- Who Both Design New Systems and Maintain Installed and Running Systems

This department supports data acquisition systems at the experiments and laboratory R&D. Many of the engineers are designing new systems and modules while supporting installed and running systems. The department has 4 groups and a 3 ½ level structure – department head, group leaders, engineers and some technicians. Some technicians report to group leaders and some to a single engineer.

The Department head plans a boilerplate template for engineers to look something like this with a supervisory section optional.

Goal 1. Provide office hours support of (XYZ) system modules for (HEP experiment).

Goal 2. Respond to requests for problem assistance from Equipment Support department within a day.

a. The response can include a solution, a request for time to look at the problem with or without the requestor or an equivalent acknowledgment. Provide for a backup person in your absence.

Goal 3. Evaluate experiment requests for hardware/firmware changes to fix issues or add additional features in order to estimate costs and effort needed.

a. Straightforward requests needing less than 3 days of work and/or \$50 worth of parts should go ahead with an email notice to your supervisor. For more complex changes work with supervisor and department head to acquire resources and establish a priority and schedule.

Goal 4. Design modules, adapters and electronic hardware as assigned by group leader.

a. For each new design project, fill out a goal sheet and discuss it with your supervisor. At the time the project is delivered to the user, complete the goal sheet and submit it to your supervisor.

Goal 5. Maintain technical skills through vendor presentations, skill-building classes at the lab or outside, conference participation and/or formal schooling.

a. Maintain a yearly average of at least two opportunities for acquiring new information per year.